

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Fourth Annual Ultimate Skill Challenge Wednesday, June 7**

**Kemptville, On** – The fourth annual **Ultimate Skill Challenge** will take place in **Kemptville on Wednesday, June 7 at the North Grenville Municipal Centre**. The Ultimate Skill Challenge is a skills competition designed for grade seven and eight students to promote skilled trades and apprenticeships. This year, the event will feature **over 45 teams from 20 elementary schools throughout the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario**.

“It’s the biggest event so far,” announced event organizer **Dan Lortie**. “We have teams coming from **Carleton Place, Lanark, Perth, Smiths Falls, Brockville, Russell, Vankleek Hill, Alexandria, Cornwall and Kemptville**. It has truly become a board wide event. That is an incredible accomplishment considering that the first event featured only six teams.”

**The Ultimate Skill Challenge** is a timed skills competition, where groups of five students, working as team, design and build a project, based on a list of criteria given only minutes before the competition’s beginning.

“Not only do the students learn a great deal, but they have a ball.” **Denis Thibault of the Eastern Ontario Training Board concluded**. “We are proud to be associated with this event, and we continue to support it.”

The event is co-sponsored by the **Bell Passport to Prosperity**, the **CDSBEO Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program**, the **Eastern Ontario Training Board** and the **1000 Islands Region Workplace Development Board**. The Ultimate Skill Challenge is one of many events hosted yearly by the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, in its continuous effort to promote apprenticeships as a viable alternative to traditional post secondary pathways.

The winners will receive medals, prizes and a trophy to display at their school. All participating students receive t-shirts. Defending champs from St. Bernard Catholic School in Finch, will be back to defend their crown.

Plan to join us and share in the fun and excitement of learning.  
The Schedule of events is as follows (subject to change):

- 9:15 to 9:30 - Registration for participating schools
- 9:30 to 9:50 - Welcome and Introductions of Judges

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- 9:55 to 10:00 - Team captains meeting and introduction of project
- 10:00 to 10:45 – Design Portion
- 10:45 to 12:15 – Construction Portion
- 12:15 to 12:45 – Lunch (final judging of completed projects)
- 12:45 - Dignitary Comments, Sponsor Comments and Trophy and medal presentation
- 1:30 - Departure

**For more information**, please contact event coordinator Dan Lortie at (613) 930-9928 or e-mail at [dan.lortie@cdsbeo.on.ca](mailto:dan.lortie@cdsbeo.on.ca).